

Family Law Program

Day 1 | Thursday, 28 August 2025 | International Convention Centre, Sydney

Time	Topic	Speakers
8.30am – 9.30am	Conference opening	Jacqueline Dawson Chair, Specialist Accreditation Board, The Law Society of New South Wales
	Presidential address	Jennifer Ball President, The Law Society of New South Wales
	Keynote address	The Honourable Andrew Bell Chief Justice of New South Wales
	Major sponsor	Kerrie Lulich Chief Executive Officer, Lawcover
9.30am – 10.00am	Morning tea break	
10.00am	Welcome by Chair	Glenn Thompson OAM Director, Newnham Solicitors
10.00am – 10.30am	A view from the bench: Evolving approaches to family violence in the family law system	The Honourable Judge Kylie Beckhouse Judge, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
10.30am – 11.10am	Risk of harm and best interests of the child	Monique Robb Partner, Lander & Rogers
11.10am – 12.00pm	Panel: Reflections on legislative changes and the practical implications for solicitors	The Honourable Judge Kylie Beckhouse Judge, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
		Monique Robb Partner, Lander & Rogers
		Carolina Soto Barrister, Black Chambers
12.00pm – 12.50pm	Lunch break	
12.50pm – 1.50pm	Panel: The impact of technology on family law: Benefits and burdens	Brett McGrath (Moderator) Partner, Marsdens Law Group
		Fiona Kirkman Head of Legal Innovation & Engagement, CORTO; Principal, Kirkman Family Law
		Phillip Ridgway Partner, Pearson Emerson Family Lawyers
		Susan Warda Partner, Mills Oakley
1.50pm – 2.50pm	Coercive control update: Legislation and recent cases	Carolina Soto Barrister, Black Chambers
2.50pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon tea break	
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Trusts in family law property matters	Ian Coleman SC Barrister, Culwulla Chambers

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4.15pm – 5.15pm	Financial and property matters: What is really new?	Senior Judicial Registrar Anne-Marie Rice Executive Director National Registrar Practice and Operations, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia
5.15pm – 6.15pm	Networking reception	

Day 2 | Friday, 29 August 2025 | Live online

Time	Topic	Speakers
8.30am	Welcome by Chair	Glenn Thompson OAM Director, Newnham Solicitors
8.30am – 9.30am	A deep dive into spouse maintenance: Legal insights and practical implications	Claire Cantrall Barrister, Waratah Chambers
9.35am – 10.35am	Federal (aka ‘accrued’) jurisdiction: The journey so far, and where to from here?	The Honourable Colin Forrest SC Barrister, Mediator, Arbitrator
10.35am – 10.50am	Break	
10.50am – 11.50am	Tax: Optimising your client’s position	Alison Brown Special Counsel – Family Lawyer, Somerville Legal
11.55am – 12.55pm	The intersection between privacy law and family law	Alec Christie Partner, Head of Privacy Risk and Digital Law, Atmos Margot McCabe Associate Director, Robinson + McGuinness Family Law
12.55pm – 1.00pm	Conference close	Glenn Thompson OAM Director, Newnham Solicitors

On-demand | Available from Friday, 29 August 2025

Time	Topic	Speakers
Available from 29 August 2025	Treatment of funds provided by family members in property settlements	Linsey Wilson Consultant